George Lardner from Harold Weisberg 10/8/77

Sorry not to have been able to copy the Truby piece earlier.

When I received the enclosed copy of the Eddowes piece from Midnight/Globe 9/27/77 I marked a few thinks up as I skimmed it. For example, that fancy spy-camera outfit of Oswald's was Ruth Paines Minox. It is listed in the items transferred to the Archives persuant to the Ramsey Calrk executive order of 10/31/66.

The Army Map Service is a commercial outfit actually named Jaggers-Chiles-Stovall.

Of the myriads Jack Rubensteins none of the others is Jack Ruby. And the supposed FBI report alleging this is a fake with which Truby's former pal Trowbridge Ford has some connection. This one improves, connects him with the UnAmerican Committee Nixon.

The "recently released" memo on Hoover and an Oswald imposter is not in context, not recent, not unpublished. Ben A. Franklin was conned into an unfair story based on it in 1975 by one Jones Harris, a secret Nixonian pretending to be a Bobby Kennedy man. (The best I can say for Jones is that his mother refused to marry his father even after she was carrying Jones. Ruth Gordon-Jed Harris.) I clobbered Harris and Howard Willens with their misuse on Panorama in 1975, spring or summer. I'm not checking but I think the direct quote of Hoover is made up. Hoover feared that real Oswald ID, if sent by mail, would enable the Russians to create an imposter.

Many notes were "made" in Dallas. They were all destroyed, some after retyping. The rest is so fresh I published it in 1965- only accurately and in context.

The Warren Commission did not get any info on the different descriptions? The original work was done for me and comes entirely from what the Commission did publish. Actuality: it also ignored all of this and more.

From a mature friend who is also a college book-purchaing agent I have this among other comments,"Only a 'Company' house would publish it. Interesting that Clarkson Potter has published only what would be expected to please the CIA. Earlier ones I remember are by the right-wing former newsmagazine reporter Newman, which also has Oswald KGB, and Brener's book on Garrison. I think another maybe.

Next will be Priscilla Post Johnson McMillan's Lee and Marina. Priscilla translated Aleyuva Stalin's book and there is, right or wrong, an FBI report that says she was working for the State Department (sic) in Moscow when with NANA. Bernstein missed that one.

You'll never get the investment Harper & Row, also on one side of the issue only, poured into that one. The project director in seeking my help to kill it in 6/66 said they already had more than $100,000 in it with no ms. But then he was from Texas, not New York. And loyal employee, he wanted to cut the corporate losses. Maybe Priscilla can still lay an egg. Her husband George did.

Eddowes, whose book is several years old, a hardback reprint, was on two segments of Good Morning America. Their airings on the assassinations are like Eddowes and Oltmans. Yeah, much of Lane, too.